Boho rainbow

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.2 × 4.3 in (10.7 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 or 5 strands.

24 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Split stitch**, 3 strands
   Fringe
2. **Stem stitch**
   5 strands: cords, palm stalk
   2 strands: pampas stems
3. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Branch, pampas plumes
4. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Branch knots, cord loops, outer rope, fan palm, palm heart
5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Branch grain
6. **Chain stitch**, 3 strands
   Chain plait
7. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Herringbone band
8. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Herringbone edges
9. **Whipped back stitch**, 4 strands
   Inner rope
10. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
    Cord ties, wraps, spray tie
11. **French knot**, 2 strands, two wraps
    Knotted band

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



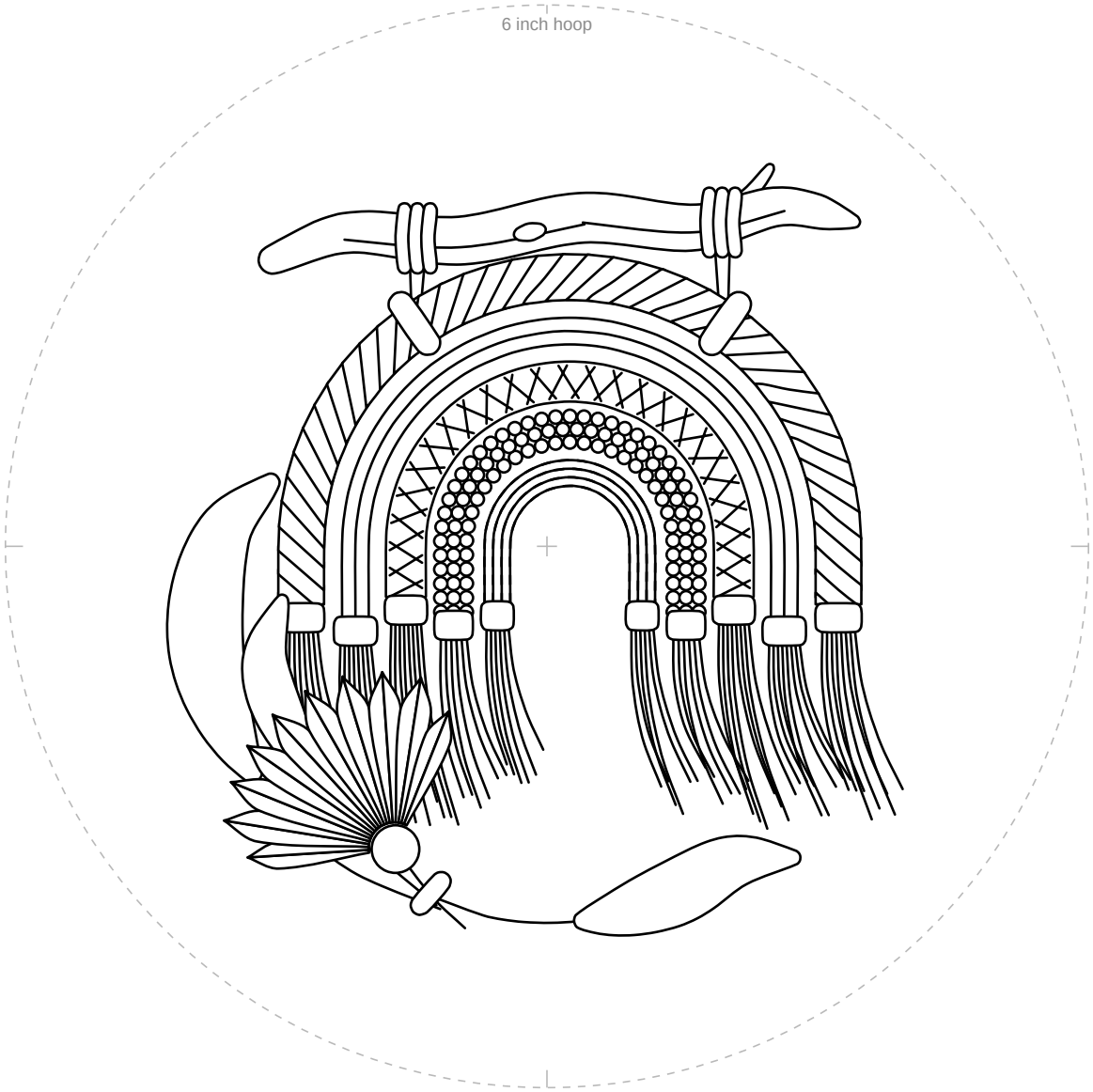
1	DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray	9	DMC 831 Medium Golden Olive	17	DMC 712 Cream
2	DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray	10	DMC 3821 Straw	18	DMC 435 Very Light Brown
3	DMC 3781 Dark Mocha Brown	11	DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw	19	DMC 738 Very Light Tan
4	DMC 842 Very Light Beige Brown	12	DMC 3750 Very Dark Antique Blue	20	DMC 437 Light Tan
5	DMC 3862 Dark Mocha Beige	13	DMC 930 Dark Antique Blue	21	DMC 739 Ultra Very Light Tan
6	DMC 921 Copper	14	DMC 3858 Medium Rosewood	22	DMC 610 Dark Drab Brown
7	DMC 919 Red Copper	15	DMC 758 Very Light Terra Cotta	23	DMC 613 Very Light Drab Brown
8	DMC 918 Dark Red Copper	16	DMC 3859 Light Rosewood	24	DMC 611 Drab Brown

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a dashed line is whipped back stitch.



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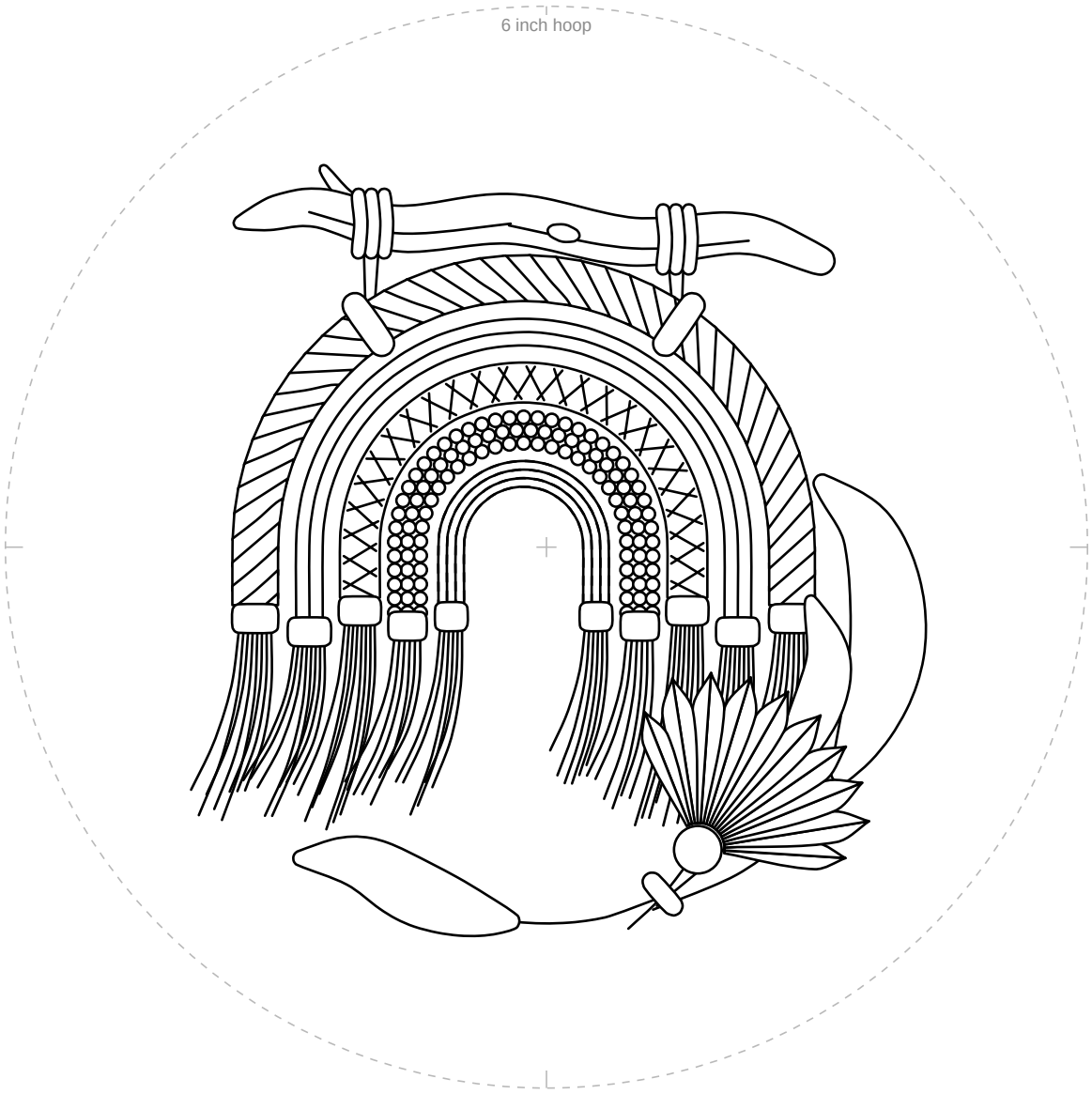
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